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1. ATMOSPHERICS:

--TAIWAN MEDIA GAVE PROMINENT ATTENTION TO "WELCOME REASSURANCES" OF VISITING U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH ADDABBO. CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY (CNA) QUOTED ADDABBO AS SAYING AMONG OTHER THINGS: (1) U.S. WOULD JC GEFER ALTA AID POSSIBLE IF ROC ATTACKED BY OUTSIDE FORCES BUT MATTER OF U.S. GROUND FORCES WOULD DEPEND ON TYPE AND DEGREE OF DISTURBANCE AS JUDGED BY U.S. CONGRESS, (2) THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE, IN NEAR FUTURE AT LEAST, IN U.S. MILITARY COMMITMENTS TO TAIWAN AND (3) FURTHER CUTS IN U.S. MILITARY SPENDING UNNECESSARY IN TAIWAN SINCE THERE ARE NO U.S. COMBAT TROOPS AND NUMBER IS MINIMAL IN ANY EVENT. HE FURTHER QUOTED AS SAYING CONTINUING U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN TAIWAN IS "A TRUE CONCERN" FOR ROC OFFICIALS WHO CONSIDER THIS AN EFFECTIVE DETERRENT.

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--ANOTHER REASSURING SIGN FROM WASHINGTON WAS SEEN BY

LARGEST CIRCULATION UNITED DAILY NEWS (380,000) WHICH HAILED PRESIDENT FORD'S "STAUNCH" MINNEAPOLIS AMERICAN LEGION SPEECH. IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "TO REPLACE DETENTE WITH FIRMNESS" PAPER SAID FORD PREVIOUSLY NEVER BEEN SO STRONG, FIRM OR POSITIVE IN DEALING WITH COMMUNISTS. UDN ALSO NOTED RISING AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE INFLUENCE IN BOTH DOMESTIC AND DIPLOMATIC POLICIES AS REFLECTED IN RECENT FORD AND KISSINGER SPEECHES AS WELL AS ON CAPITOL HILL, AMONG LABOR LEADERS AND OTHERS. IT'S PROMISING PHENOMENON FOR U.S. AND WORLD, PAPER SAID, ADDING: "QUESTION IS, UNDER CAPRICIOUSNESS AND FITFULNESS OF AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION, HOW LONG WILL IT LAST?"

--MEANWHILE, CONGRESSMAN PAUL FINDLEY'S REMARKS ABOUT HIS RECENT TRIP TO PRC, MADE TO AP, UPI AND CNA IN HIS TAIPEI HOTEL ROOM, DID NOT APPEAR IN LOCAL CHINESE LANGUAGE PRESS. FINDLEY SAID PRESSURES FROM SOVIET UNION HAD BROUGHT ABOUT A CONVERGENCE OF U.S.-PRC INTERESTS AND PEKING WAS INTERESTED IN SEEING CONTINUING U.S. PRESENCE IN THIS REGION AND ELSEWHERE. HE THOUGHT PRESIDENT FORD'S PEKING VISIT WOULD BE MOSTLY "CEREMONIAL." HE DIDN'T KNOW ANSWER TO PUZZLE OF HOW SOLVE CHINA PROBLEM BUT ONE STUMBLING BLOCK OBVIOUSLY TAIPEI'S CLAIM TO REPRESENT ALL OF CHINA.

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

--POST PRODUCED FIRST TELEVISION VTR PROGRAM "PREPARING FOR STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES: STUDENT VISAS" WITH AID AND FACILITIES PRIVATE TV STUDIO. THIS IS FOLLOWUP TO SERIES OF LECTURES GIVEN BY U.S. CONSUL JOSEPH BORICH TO ALLEVIATE CONTROVERSY AND MISINFORMATION THAT OFTEN SPREADS CONCERNING STUDENT VISAS. COLOR PROGRAM RUNS 31 MINUTES IN ELGLISH AND FEATURES BORICH BEING QUESTIONED BY STUDENT ADVISOR AND ASSISTANT FROM U.S. EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION. VISUALS ARE INCLUDED SHOWING PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENT AND PROCEDURES AT CONSULAR SECTION AND VARIOUS FORMS INVOLVED IN PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR STUDENT VISAS. CONSIDERING ALL AMATEUR TALENT INVOLVED, PROGRAM VERY SUCCESSFUL AND VTR SHOULD BECOME ONE OF OUR MOST EFFECTIVE AND POPULAR USIS UNCLASSIFIED

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